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C O N F I D E N T I A L ACCRA 3542

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

ABIDJAN FOR AMBASSADOR ROBERT P. SMITH

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR RH GH

SUBJ: FURTHER TALKS WITH SITHOLE

REF: (A) ACCRA 3631 (NOTAL), (B) ACCRA 3486 (NOTAL)

1. SITHOLE AND NUKOMO CAME TO EMBASSY 0945 GMT MAY 11, SITHOLE SAID HE WAS "VERY PLEASED, EXTREMELY PLEASED" THAT US IS SERIOUSLY COMMITTED TO MAJORITY RULE IN ZIMBABWE IN 1978. THIS WILL DETER FORCES (PRESUMABLY SOVIETS OR CUBANS) WE WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE ACTIVE IN ZIMBABWE, HE NOTED, ADDING THAT US STAND WILL PUT PRESSURE ON SMITH TO ACCEPT REALITIES OF SITUATION RATHER THAN RUNNING AWAY FROM THEM AS HE HAS DONE IN PAST.

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SITHOLE FEELS NEW US COMMITMENT WILL NOT GIVE SMITH ANY PLACE TO RUN.

2. SITHOLE WAS ALSO PLEASED BY US APPRECIATION OF HIS CONCERNS THAT ANY NEW CONFERENCE BE PRECEDED BY CAREFUL PREPARATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED. HE HOPES TO MEET WITH CONSULTATIVE GROUP WHEN IT IS

SET UP. "ALL IN ALL," HE CONCLUDED, "WE'RE SATISFIED.
THE US IS TAKING A POSITIVE LEAD."

3. RESPONDING TO MY OBSERVATION THAT THE US WAS NOW
ADDRESSING ITSELF SERIOUSLY TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN
ISSUES, SITHOLE PREDICTED US INVOLVEMENT WOULD NOT ONLY
HELP ENSURE A PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN
RHODESIA BUT WOULD ALSO PROVIDE A PATTERN FOR RESOLUTION
OF SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEM, LEADING TO A CONSTRUCTIVE
BLACK/WHITE DIALOGUE AND (HOPEFULLY) TO PEACEFUL
EVOLUTION IN SOUTH AFRICA ITSELF.

4. SITHOLE PLANS TO LEAVE EITHER TODAY OR TOMORROW
FOR LONDON. LINEHAN

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